



Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

### Complete if Known

Application Number 101849,986  
Filing Date  
First Named Inventor Vinode Ramnauth  
Art Unit  
Examiner Name  
Attorney Docket Number MBT-13702/03

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
		Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
MWT		US- 3,572,182 3/1971	Sept 3/68	MacDonald J.S.	
MWT		US- 4,050,838	Sept 27/77	Kneip, J.	
MWT		US- 4,909,892	Mar 20/90	Quinn et al	
MWT		US- 5,022,143 06 Jan 11/91	Jan 11/91	Kautt, J	
MWT		US- 5,448,819	Sept 12/95	Grassi, W.	
MWT		US- 5,660,670	Aug 26/97	Sturtz, K.	
MWT		US- 5,704,743	Jan 6/98	Goursenberg, W.	
MWT		US- 5,753,065	May 19/98	Buzzelli, G.	
MWT		US- 5,927,911	Jul 27/99	Steiner, R.	
MWT		US- 5,370,835	Dec 6/94	Sturtz, K.	
MWT		US- 6,006,408	Dec 28/99	Rogat, G.	
MWT		US- 6,086,703	Jul 11/00	Sturtz, K.	
MWT		US- 6,099,212	Aug 8/00	Marocco, N.	
MWT		US- 6,294,044	Sept 25/01	Schwaiger et al	
MWT		US- 6,662,083	Dec 9/03	Angel, J.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS			
		Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			
MWT		EP 0 443 398 B1	11.02.91	E. Bernhard	

Examiner Signature	/Michael W. Talbot/	Date Considered	01/18/2007
--------------------	---------------------	-----------------	------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.